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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propses to promote Information Technology (IT)/ IT enabled courses to the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Caste students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): A scheme called 'Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools' is being implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/Union Territories (UTs) on the basis of Computer Education Plans submitted by them for providing computer literacy in the Government and Government-aided Secondary and Higher Secondary schools in the country. Though this scheme is not exclusively meant for IT education of the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Caste students of the country, schools in these areas can also take benefit of this programme through the State Governments. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a scheme of Grant-in- aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes, wherein assistance for Computer Training Centers is also provided as one of the components. Further, under another scheme of Vocational Training in Tribal Areas, training in Computers is also considered as one of the trades in which vocational training in imparted. This scheme is implemented through State Governments/Union Territories (UTs).